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	AA	6,738,527	05-18-2004	Kuwata et al.			
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	AC	5,581,370	12-03-1996	Fuss et al.			
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	AG	6-215128	08-05-1994	Japan		X	X
	AH	11-8768	01-12-1999	Japan		X	X
	AI	11-331596	11-30-1999	Japan		X	X
	AJ	8-329241	12-13-1996	Japan		X	X
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